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LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement issued by the Revolution Command Council of the Republic of Iraq on 5 April 1991.

I request that this letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Statement issued by the Revolution Command Council

We praise God Almighty in this pre-eminent month as we announce to the mighty people of Iraq the news that a complete end has been put to acts of sedition, sabotage and strife in all the towns of Iraq. The latest achievement was the putting of an end to the state of rebellion and sabotage in the beloved town of Sulaymaniyah. The rule of law and order has returned, and security and stability have been restored to all the towns of Iraq. The spirits, honour and property of Iraqis have been rescued from the violation, pillaging, burning and destruction unprecedented in our history that befell them during the black and gloomy days of dissension.

The President and leader Saddam Hussein announced on 16 March the end of the criminal dissension in the towns of the south. With God's help and success from him, the State has now put a final end to the last page of the dissension in the beloved north of Iraq.

The malicious enemies depicted the acts of slaughter, violation of honour, sabotage, plundering, burning and destruction that took place in the towns of the south and the north as a "uprising" and ascribed to it spurious characteristics, but the aware people of Iraq, which had experience of life and men and had lived through the experiences of true and authentic revolutions, first and foremost being the great revolution of 17 to 30 July, exposed the spuriousness and exposed the criminal conspiracies, just as it exposed and knew the truth about the perpetrators and the treacherous foreign enemy forces behind them. It was no coincidence that these disgraceful acts, which are not consonant with the ethics of Iraqis or the traditions of their national struggle, should occur during the United States-NATO-Zionist aggression against Iraq. All estimates and information confirm that the planning took place at the same time as the preparation for this treacherous aggression and in coordination with its foreign elements and with a number of the regimes in the region. As the President and leader said in his historic speech on 16 March 1991:

> "At the time when the country from the extreme north to the extreme south and from the extreme east to the extreme west was exposed to the 30-State aggression and while all our towns and villages were bleeding as a result of the brutal aggression aimed at the whole of Iraq and all its citizens and aimed at the life and property of all Iraqis and what they had built over tens of years with effort, sweat and creativity, at this very time, there infiltrated into the country from outside hordes of malicious traitors holding forged Iranian identity cards to spread bloodshed, terror, sabotage and plundering in a number of towns and villages of southern Iraq, assisted by rebels who had strayed from the right path in Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Karbala, Najaf and Hillah. These renegade

traitors attacked some isolated army units and barracks that were withdrawing under enemy fire and seized weapons and equipment and burned the property of the people. They pillaged government premises, schools, hospitals and citizens' houses and violated honour. They even burned civil registers, property registers, and records of marriage and inheritance in State departments. Through dastardly, treacherous methods they killed some State and party officials and some officers and citizens in those towns. Our country, which was subjected to imperialist NATO-Zionist aggression, was subjected to an attack like that of Hulagu on Baghdad in 1258."

His Excellency said in the same speech:

"At the time when the troops of dissension were entering from the other side of the frontiers into our towns in the south, armed elements entered from the same place into a number of villages and towns in the north. The malicious elements raised slogans of factional schism in the towns of the south. The elements that entered the towns of the north raised, for the same base purpose, slogans of national schism and acted accordingly, engaging in terrorism, sabotage, schism, murder, plunder and incendiarism. It became quite clear that the lines of infiltration into some of the southern regions and some of the northern regions had a single source and identical ends, namely, the destruction and division of Iraq, the spread of disorder, destruction and desolation in Iraq and the subjection of Iraq to a foreign will. May their efforts be frustrated."

Most illustrious Iraqis,

In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

"And they devised, and God devised and God is the best of devisers."

God almighty speaks the truth.

The achievement of crushing the dissension and the traitors coming from over the borders emphasizes the noble steadfastness of Iraq and the Iraqis and the capacity of Iraq and the Iraqis to face trials and confront conspiracies. Iraq survives and is sound, with God's help. This achievement also emphasizes the crushing of the spinal column of the most significant part of the conspiracy aimed at Iraq. After the United States-NATO aggression against our dear country and its affliction at the hands of the aggressors, the enemies of God and enemies of Iraq sought to turn this united, peaceable and proud country into another Lebanon divided and crushed by factional, confessional and racial struggles. However, in spite of the trial afflicted on it by the enemy coalition, Iraq proved that it was stronger than the conspiracy and the conspirators, in spite of the capacities they marshalled, the schemes they devised and the propaganda campaigns, unprecedented in the world, with which they surrounded the conspiracy.

Beloved Iraqis,

We should therefore feel joy and pride that our country is sound and has emerged from this dissension united and secure, with the gates of the future, God willing, open before it.

Most illustrious Iraqis,

The President and leader said in his speech on 16 March:

"Today, after the crushing of the sedition and rebelliousness and the restoration of security, stability and State authority, the time has come to start building the pillars of the new stage, which is not without difficulties and which calls for enormous sacrifice. However, our people, whose present is rooted in the history and heritage of 6,000 years, is capable, after passing through the trial, of opening up the horizons of the radiant future, with its mighty potentials, by the power of the Iraqis, which is unlimited when they bare their forearms and apply their intelligence to kindling the brand of building and reconstruction. The steadfast Iraqis, loyal to their country and concerned about Iraq's independence, greatness, construction and prosperity will find in the institutions and formulas of this new stage free and constructive scope for participation in everything that ensures the greatness of Iraq and the Iraqis, their interests, security and stability and the building of a democratic society based on the Constitution, law, the institutions and a multi-party system."

Beloved Iraqis,

This is the future programme. In spite of the treacherous conspiratorial schemes that have been and are being concocted against us and the schemes that have been hatched and are being hatched in the Council of Iniquity and the Iniquitous, which is wrongly and spuriously called "the Security Council", we are confident that the future will be like most of the pages of our country's centuries-old history, bright, radiant and strong, with God's permission.

Greetings to all men in all institutions of State, in the armed forces and in the security, police and administration organs, and to all men of good faith, Kurdish and Arab citizens of mighty Iraq who have participated with bravery and dedication to the crushing of the dissension and the restoration of security, stability and the rule of law throughout the country.

Beloved Iraqis,

Kurdish Iraqi citizens,

Since the Kurdish question, with all its well-known complexities, has interposed itself in our Iraqi life, with a view to preserving the continuity of the differentiation of colours, positions and personalities that serves

great Iraq and strengthens the national humanitarian path of our victorious progress, we have decided to pardon the Iraqi Kurds for any conduct punishable by law except the crimes of murder, rape and theft, occurring in the circumstances of discord and treachery. The pardon covers Kurds generally in the Autonomous Region and also the members and advisers of the national defence detachments, the members of the special troops and the members of internal security and the armed forces. When any of them returns to the national ranks, he will be secure in all his rights and will perform his duties in accordance with the law. All organs of State, including the armed forces are called upon to adhere to this decision and to provide the necessary facilities for it. This decision shall be in effect for a period of a week in respect of those covered by it inside Iraq and for a period of two weeks in respect of those covered by it outside Iraq.

Revolution Command Council
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